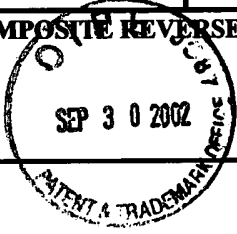
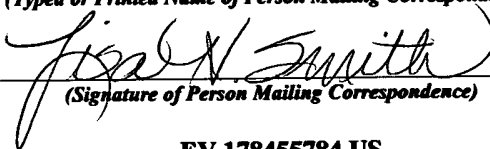


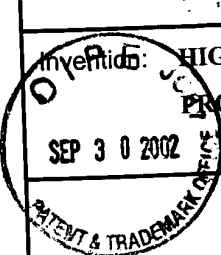
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2002, please amend this application as follows and consider the included remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (A marked-up copy of the claims is provided in

Appendix A):

1. (Three Times Amended) A highly permeable composite reverse osmosis membrane comprising a thin film and a microporous support to support the thin film;

wherein the thin film is formed by reacting a polyvinyl alcohol-based amine compound having at least two amino groups with at least one substantially monomeric compound having at least two groups that react with the at least two amino groups on the polyvinyl alcohol-based amine compound,

and wherein the highly permeable composite reverse osmosis membrane having a salt rejection of no more than 80% as assessed with a pH 6.5 aqueous solution comprising 500 mg/liter of sodium chloride at an operation pressure of 5 kg/cm² and at a temperature of 25 °C.